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31 July 1963

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: AID Request for Classified Information for
Presentation to House Appropriations Committee

1. At 1707 hours on 31 August 1963, Mr. Crawford of the Department of State called Mr. Sheldon to report that as a result of their earlier conversation he had talked to Mr. Coffin of AID and Alexis Johnson of the Department. He indicated that both were very pleased and receptive to the offer of CIA assistance in presentations before the Committee. He stated, however, that the AID people are primarily discussing Latin American problems and that the shipping question arises incidental to this. He indicated that an agreement has been made whereby the people testifying are to be told not to go into any detail on the shipping issue, but rather to say that a member of the intelligence community will appear to testify on the complicated details.

2. Mr. Crawford stated that at the present time there is no way of foreseeing when the shipping items will come up before the Committee, but that it will probably be within the next two or three days with about a half day's notice. Mr. Sheldon stated that this was a very satisfactory arrangement and requested Crawford to notify him when shipping testimony is required. Mr. Sheldon advised Crawford that he has already instructed Dr. Guthe to stand by with knowledgeable members of his staff.

3. In closing Mr. Sheldon again asked if such testimony were to be on a restricted basis and Mr. Crawford confirmed that it would be held in Executive Session.

APPROVED:

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